(b) if so, whether any loss/danger exists by the entry of visitors to the National Parks;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to reconsider their decision and make laws for visitors more stringent; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Short and Sub-Standard Supply of Sugar and Foodgrains

4824. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether some complaints have been received from some States regarding short and sub-standard supply of sugar and foodgrains under the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The complaints regarding short and sub-standard supply of sugar and foodgrains under Public Distribution System (PDS) are dealt with by the State Government concerned.

However a complaint has recently been received from the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi about the supply of poor quality of sugar for distribution through PDS by certain sugar mills of the State of Uttar Pradesh. The quality of sugar being supplied to fair price shops was checked and it was observed that the same was as per the Indian Sugar Standards. However, a watch is being kept on the supply of sugar to the fair price shops of the State of Delhi.

[English]

Import of Rifampicin

4825. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from small scale sector to liberalise the import of Rifampicin and its intermediate Rifa-S a vital anti-TB drug to allow competition in the domestic markets.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any final decision has been taken in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard in view of sharp rise of tuberculosis cases in the country and shortage of anti-TB drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A representation has been received from the small scale sector to liberalise the import of Rifampicin and its intermediate Rifa-S.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no shortage of Rifampicin. The decison will be taken shortly.

Call for Disabled Children

4826. SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether suggestion have been made by organisations committed for setting up a separate cell for the disabled children in every Ministry/Department; and

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) No such suggestion is under consideration of the Ministry of Welfare at present.

Import of Wheat during 1997-98

4827. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import wheat during 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details and the likely CIF rates thereof;

(c) the likely handling charges of Indian ports, transportation and transit costs etc.;

(d) the landed cost of the last distribution/liquidation point in India *vis-a-vis* the cost of Indian wheat; and

(e) the reasons for the higher prices of imported wheat than the prices being paid to Indian farmers?